

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 490

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Delmar Haynes.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Delmar Haynes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haynes was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a Knoxville native, Delmar Haynes served with valor and distinction in the United States Army during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, a longtime Knoxville-area auto dealer, Mr. Haynes founded Delmar Haynes Pontiac in Maryville in 1963 before relocating it to Alcoa Highway in the early 1970s, at which time he became the first auto dealer on the heavily-traveled road between Knox and Blount counties; and

WHEREAS, over the years, he expanded the dealership to include GMC trucks, Jeeps, and Suzuki models, and the dealership became Delmar Haynes Pontiac GMC Jeep; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haynes is credited with developing the Airport Motor Mile, a mile-long stretch of Alcoa Highway near McGhee Tyson Airport that is home to numerous auto dealerships; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Motor Mile concept was praised for promoting a business-friendly environment that was convenient for customers who could shop among many brands and models within close proximity, a business concept that has been repeated in other areas; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, members of Mr. Haynes's family were employed by the company until the dealership closed in 2009 and was absorbed by an expansion of the McGhee Tyson Airport; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his career, Delmar Haynes was involved in various area auto enterprises, including a partnership in Toyota of Knoxville and a Lexus dealership; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity as a Director on the board of American Fidelity Bank; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Haynes was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of 55 years, Joyce; daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Gary Dean, Becky and Phil Clifton, and Robin Haynes; and three grandchildren, Andy Dean, Scott Dean, and Stephanie Clifton; and

WHEREAS, Delmar Haynes leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Delmar Haynes, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Haynes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.